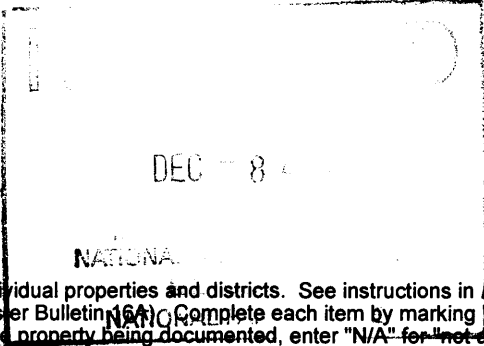


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 68). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Andover Hook and Ladder Company Building

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 39 Elm Street N/A not for publication

city or town Andover N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Oxford code 017 zip code 04216

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 11/30/01
Signature of certifying official Title Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

[Signature] 1-11-01
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Andover Hook and Ladder Company Building
Name of Property

Oxford, Maine
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Government/Fire Station

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Not In Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Metal/Tin

roof Asphalt

other Hose Tower At Rear

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Andover Hook and Ladder Company Building is a long rectangular, two-story, gable roofed frame building that is covered in brick patterned tin sheathing, which appears to be original. A tall hose tower is located at one end. The building stands on a concrete foundation.

Facing south, the front elevation features a modern garage door on its first story as well as a small rectangular window, and a pair of widely spaced six-over-six double hung sash windows on the second story. There are five symmetrically placed six-over-six windows on the second story of each side elevation, as well as a single first story window on the east elevation. Two second story six-over-sixes on the rear elevation flank the projecting hose tower which has a low hipped roof and an attached entrance vestibule on its north side. A modern concrete block flue is also attached to the rear wall of the main building.

Inside, the first floor framing has been covered by fiberboard, whereas the second floor retains its original narrow tongue and groove sheathing on the walls and ceilings. The second floor is divided into three rooms of unequal size, the largest being the meeting hall in the southern two-thirds of the building. Originally, a transverse staircase was located between the front and two rear rooms (the partition and opening remain), and it led to a door on the west elevation. Presently, the stairs are located in the back part of the first floor room, and they rise through a portion of the hose tower. According to one member of the Andover Hook and Ladder Association, the present building was constructed in two stages, the earlier portion of which was a preexisting building that was moved from a nearby lot.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Politics/Government

Period of Significance

1904-1950

Significant Dates

1904

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

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Constructed in 1904, the Andover Hook and Ladder Company Building is a long, narrow two-story frame building that historically both housed Andover's fire fighting apparatus and served as a meeting place for firemen and other community groups. The building is eligible for nomination to the National Register under criterion A for its association with local fire protection efforts, and criterion C as a relatively intact example of an early twentieth century fire station.

Andover was initially settled by Anglo-Americans in 1789 when Ezekiel Merrill of Newbury, Massachusetts moved his family to a log house he had constructed the previous year. Other settlers soon followed, and in 1804 the town was incorporated as East Andover, a name that was shortened in 1821 to Andover after Maine gained statehood. Throughout the nineteenth century its residents engaged in subsistence farming, small-scale lumbering, and various home based industries, and between the Civil War and the turn-of-the-century, the area became a popular destination for sportsmen and sightseers because of its proximity to the Richardson Lakes. By 1890, Andover's population stood at 790 persons, and its principal town center contained several merchants and manufacturers in addition to two hotels and two summer boarding houses.

According to local historians, the Andover Hook and Ladder Company was formed in 1890 by citizens interested in providing a means of fire protection to properties in the village center. Company's fire fighting equipment was initially stored in an existing building. On November 18, 1903 a portion of the present lot was acquired for the purpose of moving a nearby building to it and establishing a fire station. This relocation took place within the following year during which time an additional section amounting to two-thirds of the existing building was apparently constructed. The fire station remained in active use until 1987 when a new building was constructed at one end of the commercial district. Since then, the town has deeded the property to the Andover Hook and Ladder Association which has assumed responsibility for its preservation, although it is presently unused except for the storage of large artifacts in the possession of the historical society.

At the time it was built, the fire station stood next to the village school (no longer extant), which in turn was adjacent to the Congregational Church and across from the town hall. With the Andover Common located on the other side of the church, the Andover Hook and Ladder Company Building remains part of an important cluster of historic public and religious properties in the center of the village.

The Andover Hook and Ladder Company Building is one of a small number of known historic fire stations that still stand in Maine's smaller communities. Among them is the Massasoit Engine Company Firehouse in Damariscotta built in 1876, and the Old Fire Engine House (NR 9/12/85) in Orono built in 1892. Historic urban fire stations that still exist include the Spring Street Fire House in Portland built in 1837, the Engine House in Auburn (NR 5/22/78) erected in 1879, Hose House Number 5 (NR 9/11/97) and Fire Engine House Number 6 (NR 4/7/88) in Bangor built in 1897 and 1902, respectively, as well as twentieth century buildings in Augusta, Portland (Congress Street), Saco, and South Portland.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Andover tax map 17, lot 57.

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire village lot that is historically associated with the Andover Hook and Ladder Company Building.

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View from S

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View of interior looking south